(b) if so, the number of persons killed and injured as a result of the accident;

(c) whether an inquiry has been conducted into the causes of the accident and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether any responsibility has been fixed for the accident and action taken against persons concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There was an accident on 7.10.1986 at Vizag Smelter of Hindustan Zinc Limited in which three persons were killed and four received injuries who recovered later. These persons were labourers employed by one of the contractors (M/s. Khadar Chemicals) of the Company and not directly employed by Hindustan Zinc Limited.

(c) and (d) An enquiry has been made by the Company into the accident and the circumstances leading thereto. The enquiry reveals that on the day of the accident, 11 labourers of the contractor were doing the job of bagging material from the zinc concenrates heap lying inside the smelter. While doing so, there had been more cutting than normal by the labourers as a result of which the material slid down causing the accident. There was no negligence on the part of the Company. The Contractor has made a commitment to pay compensation as per the law. To ensure the payment of such compensation to the families of the deceased and to the injured by the contractor, the company has withheld an amount of Rs. 2.00 lakhs due to him until compensation is paid.

कृषि मंत्रालय में राजभाषा का कार्यान्वयन

*471. **श्री राम नरेश कुशवाहा** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राजभाषा अधिनियम और नियम तथा राजभाषा संबंधी वार्षिक कार्यक्रम कृषि और ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय के अधीन सभी कार्यालयों पर लागू होते हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनके कारगर कार्यान्वियन के लिए मंत्रालय स्तर पर क्या कदम उठाए गये और उनसे क्या प्रगति हुई ;

(ग) वार्षिक कार्यक्रम के मुताबिक इस वर्ष मंत्रालय के कितने विभागों तथा कार्यालयों का मंत्रालय स्तर पर निरीक्षण किया गया ; और

(घ) क्या मंत्रालय स्तर पर हिन्दी दिवस का आयोजन किया गया था और क्या इस अवसर पर राजभाषा अधिनियम के कार्यान्वियन के लिए मंत्रालय स्तर पर कोई संदेश जारी किया गया था ?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री जो० एस० हिल्लों) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) मंत्रालय के सरकारी काम-काज में हिन्दी के प्रयोग को बढ़ाने के प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं । कार्य का वार्षिक कार्यक्रम मंत्रालय के सभी कार्यालयों को भेज दिया गया है और समय-समय पर प्रगति की समीक्षा की जाती है । राजभाषा कार्यन्वयन समिति की बैठकों में प्रगति रिपोर्टों की समीक्षा की जाती है । मंत्रालय की हिन्दी सलाहकार समिति की बैठकों में लिये गये निर्णय मंत्रालय में और उसके संबद्ध एवं अधीनस्थ कार्यालयों में कार्यान्वयन के लिए परिचालित किये जाते हैं ।

हाल ही में मंत्रालय के अधिकतम कार्य हिन्दी में करने वाले विभागों तथा संबद्ध अधीनस्थ कार्यालयों को शील्ड प्रदान करने की एक योजना बनाई गई है । हिन्दी टाइपिंग और हिन्दी आशुलिपि में प्रशिक्षण मंत्रालय में रखी गई कर्मचारियों की सूची के अनुसार दिया जा रहा है ।

(ग) इस वर्ष के दौरान दो कार्यालयों का निरीक्षण किया गया ।

(घ) ग्रामीण विकास विभाग और उर्वरक विभाग में हिन्दी सप्ताह मनाया गया था। कृषि अनुसंधान और शिक्षा विभाग/ भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद् में हिन्दी दिवस मनाया गया। ग्रामीण विकास राज्य मंत्री द्वारा एक संदेश जारी किया गया।

Commercial exploitation of mineral resources in Maharashtra

@*472. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has recently been conducted by the Geological Survey of India for the commerical exploitation of the natural resources available in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is the total percentage of the area of the State surveyed so far; and

(d) by when the remaining area is likely to be surveyed?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Commercial exploitation of minerals does not come under the purview of the Geological Survey of India. GSI only carries out regional mineral assessment and preliminary exploration of minerals.

(c) 70.1 per cent area of Maharashtra has been surveyed so far by Geological mapping.

(d) The remaining area of the State is likely to be surveyed by the year 1992 subject to the availability of resources.

@Previously Starred Question 372 transferred from the 28th November, 1986.

Corruption in the Management of F.C.I.

*473. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received a number of memorandum from the Fertilizer Workers Federation, CITU and a very senior officer of the Fertilizer Corporation of India alleging corruption and inefficiency on the part of the top management of the Fertilizer Corporation of India;

(b) if so, what are the details of these complaints; and

(c) what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) No such complaint against FCI has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Fishing Trawlers

*474. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued a large number of letters of intent to the prospective buyers of fishing trawlers in the country during the last two years;

(b) whether the entrepreneurs could not procure or implement the same letters of intent due to non-availability of funds in rupees or foreign exchange and more because of the closure of SDFC;

(c) the names of the parties who were issued such letters of intent;

(d) whether fish catches are rampant by foreign trawlers on all Indian seas; and

(e) if so, the details there of and action proposed to be taken to increase the Indian fishing trawlers and to help the Indians to increase fish catches?